

REMEDATION AND REDEVELOPMENT (RR) NEWS FROM WISCONSIN DNR

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A NEW FORMAT FOR THE "RR NEWS FROM DNR"

Due to technical problems that have affected some subscribers, we are changing the "RR News from DNR" to a portable document format (pdf). Instead of a long email you'll get a short announcement with a list of "headlines" and a link to a pdf document with more details. Subscribers will need to use free Adobe Acrobat Reader® software to read the pdf document on the web. If any subscribers have trouble with our new format, please contact Laurie Egge at Laurie.Egge@dnr.state.wi.us or at 608-267-7560. If you need the Acrobat Reader®, the information is at <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html> (exit DNR)

STAFF REDUCTIONS IN THE RR PROGRAM

Workforce impacts due to budget reductions are now in effect for the RR Program. In addition to previous reductions and subsequent work adjustments, customers will notice the following changes due to the elimination of five positions.

- Paul Kozol, Fitchburg, no longer works in the RR Program. He has moved to DNR's Air Management Program.
- Dave Carper, La Crosse, no longer works for DNR. The RR Program will no longer staff the La Crosse office.
- Dan Boardman, Rhinelander, no longer works for the RR Program. He has moved to a vacant position in DNR's Waste Management Program.
- Renee Sanford no longer works for RR coordinating state-funded projects. She has moved to a vacant position in the Waste Management Program.
- Charlene Khazae, central office chemist, no longer works for DNR. The RR Program will no longer have a chemist on staff.

In further reductions, two regional hydrogeologists have decided to leave DNR in the past few months. Rachel Sura left her position in Sturtevant and Cathy Rodda has left the Green Bay office. Please refer to our updated list of "County Contacts" for information about the regional project managers that are currently assigned to work in each county - http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/technical/lists/county_contacts.pdf. Due to the changes in staffing, we expect some substantial backlogs to develop in our technical reviews, redevelopment assistance, grant administration and progress on state-funded cleanup projects. In an effort to reduce the impacts, the RR Program is reviewing and streamlining procedures wherever possible. Look for more information about staff reductions in the September issue of *ReNews*.

NEW LOCAL GOVERNMENT PAGE ON THE WEB

We have improved our "Local Governments" web page in order to offer local governments the information they need regarding exemptions from liability and brownfield funding options. Please visit our new page at http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/liability/lgu_toolbox.html.

EPA OFFERS TRAINING ON FEDERAL BROWNFIELD GRANTS

EPA is offering two free training sessions in Chicago in October. These sessions are to help local governments take advantage of federal brownfield grants. On October 19 and 20, there is a day and a half of training on grant administration for communities that have already received grants. On October 20 and 21, EPA is offering a day and a half of training on applying for new federal grants, covering four types of grants: Assessment, Cleanup, Revolving Loan Fund, and Job Training. For registration information, please see the RR Program calendar at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/general/calendar.htm>. This year's federal grant applications are tentatively scheduled to be due on Friday, November 12, 2004.

UPCOMING BROWNFIELDS STUDY GROUP MEETINGS

The Brownfields Study Group will meet on Thursday, September 30, from 9:30 to 3:00, at the Pyle Center, 702 Langdon St., Madison. The tentative agenda includes legislative activities, the 2005-07 biennial budget, brownfields insurance, new market tax credits, and future brownfields funding.

In addition, a cleanup policy subgroup will meet on August 25, 9:00 to 3:30 to discuss deed restrictions and the Voluntary Party Liability Enhancement (VPLE) law, at the U.W. Memorial Union, Langdon & Park Streets. Another subgroup will meet Sept. 14, 9:00 to 3:30, to consider local government issues such as Environmental Remediation TIFs, liability exemptions for solid waste, and the land recycling loan program. The location for this meeting is the Friedrich Center, 1950 Willow Drive, near the U.W. Hospital. For more information about the Study Group please see <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/rbrownfields/bsg/index.htm>.

CHANGES FOR WATER SUPPLY WELL DRILLERS

Starting at the end of August, 2004, the RR Program will no longer use Digger's Hotline to advise water supply well drillers about sites with residual soil or groundwater contamination that are listed in the GIS Registry of Closed Remediation Sites. Drillers are required to contact DNR's Drinking and Groundwater (DGW) Program when constructing a water supply well near a site listed in the GIS Registry so that DGW can determine whether any special well construction requirements apply. Instead of using Digger's Hotline, drillers will now receive two CDs each year from the DGW Program. These CDs will include a complete list of sites on the GIS Registry. Drillers that can easily access the internet may also use the on-line GIS Registry, which is updated daily, at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/gis/index.htm>. In order to help drillers, the CDs from DGW will also include special well casing areas and a copy of DNR's "Registry of Waste Disposal Sites in Wisconsin" (sometimes called the abandoned landfills list).

NEW PUBLICATION

We have developed a new publication, *Finding Contaminated Properties in Wisconsin: On-line and Print Resources* by combining two older publications. The new publication is at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/RR673.pdf>.

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